

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- v. -

JOSE RIVERA,

Defendant.

: CONSENT PRELIMINARY ORDER
OF FORFEITURE AS TO
: SPECIFIC PROPERTY

: 22 Cr. 329 (MKV)

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WHEREAS, on or about June 13, 2022, JOSE RIVERA (the “Defendant”), was charged in an Information, 22 Cr. 329 (MKV) (the “Information”), with narcotics conspiracy, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846 (Count One); possession of a firearm in a school zone, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(q)(2) and 924(a)(4) (Count Two); and firearms use, carrying, and possession, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i) (Count Three);

WHEREAS, the Information included a forfeiture allegation as to Count One of the Information, seeking forfeiture to the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, of any and all property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of the offense charged in Count One of the Information, and any and all property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, the offense charged in Count One of the Information, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense charged in Count One of the Information;

WHEREAS, the Government seized from the Defendant, the following property:

- i. One 9mm pistol, seal no: 252150, seized on or about January 11, 2022 at the time of the Defendant’s arrest in New York, NY;
- ii. One 9mm pistol, seal no: 252188, seized on or about January 11, 2022 at the time of the Defendant’s arrest in New York, NY;

- iii. One Palymer 80 caliber 9mm pistol, seal no: 252197, seized from the Defendant's residence in New York, NY, on or about January 11, 2022 pursuant to a search warrant issued under number 22 Mag. 281;
- iv. One 9mm pistol, seal no: 252185, seized from the Defendant's residence in New York, NY, on or about January 11, 2022 pursuant to a search warrant issued under number 22 Mag. 281;
- v. One 9mm pistol, serial no: P1655285, seized from the Defendant on or about December 15, 2021 in New York, NY;
- vi. Seven 9mm cartridges, seized from the Defendant on or about December 15, 2021 in New York, NY; and
- vii. One magazine, seized from the Defendant on or about December 15, 2021 in New York, NY;

(i through vii, collectively, the "Specific Property");

WHEREAS, on or about June 13, 2022, the Defendant pled guilty to Counts One through Three of the Information, pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government, wherein the Defendant admitted the forfeiture allegation with respect to Count One of the Information;

WHEREAS, the Defendant consents to the forfeiture of all of his right, title and interest in the Specific Property, which constitute property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, the offense charged in Count One of the Information; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(g), and Rules 32.2(b)(3), and 32.2(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Government is now entitled, pending any assertion of third-party claims, to reduce the Specific Property to its possession and to notify any and all persons who reasonably appear to be a potential claimant of their interest herein;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the United States of America, by its attorney Damian Williams, United States Attorney, Assistant United States

Attorney Matthew Weinberg, of counsel, and the Defendant and his counsel, Carlos M. Santiago, Jr., Esq., that:

1. As a result of the offense charged in Count One of the Information, to which the Defendant pled guilty, all of the Defendant's right, title and interest in the Specific Property is hereby forfeited to the United States for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

2. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property is final as to the Defendant JOSE RIVERA, and shall be deemed part of the sentence of the Defendant, and shall be included in the judgment of conviction therewith.

3. Upon entry of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property, the United States Customs and Border Protection, or its designee, the Office of Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures, is hereby authorized to take possession of the Specific Property and to hold such property in its secure custody and control.

4. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(1), Rule 32.2(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and Rules G(4)(a)(iv)(C) and G(5)(a)(ii) of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, the United States is permitted to publish forfeiture notices on the government internet site, www.forfeiture.gov. This site incorporates the forfeiture notices that have been traditionally published in newspapers. The United States forthwith shall publish the internet ad for at least thirty (30) consecutive days. Any person, other than the Defendant, claiming interest in the Specific Property must file a Petition within sixty (60) days from the first day of publication of the Notice

on this official government internet web site, or no later than thirty-five (35) days from the mailing of actual notice, whichever is earlier.

5. The published notice of forfeiture shall state that the petition (i) shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the Specific Property, (ii) shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and (iii) shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in the Specific Property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title and interest in the Specific Property, any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim, and the relief sought, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n).

6. Pursuant to 32.2 (b)(6)(A) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Government shall send notice to any person who reasonably appears to be a potential claimant with standing to contest the forfeiture in the ancillary proceeding.

7. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture with respect to the Specific Property pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed.

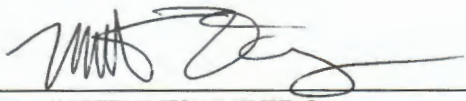
8. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States Attorney's Office is authorized to conduct any discovery needed to identify, locate or dispose of forfeitable property, including depositions, interrogatories, requests for production of documents and the issuance of subpoenas.

9. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

10. The signature page of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.


AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

DAMIAN WILLIAMS
United States Attorney for the
Southern District of New York

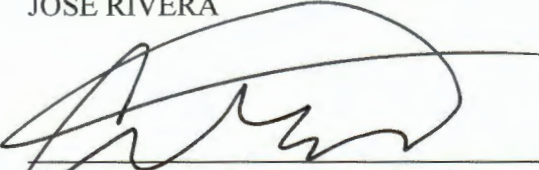
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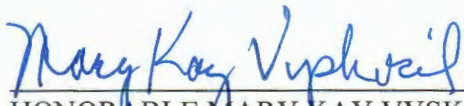
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SO ORDERED:


HONORABLE MARY KAY VYSKOCIL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Jan 5, 2023
DATE